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2. Types of SBOs.

Q: What are the various types of SBOs?

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- SBO Staffing and Transfer Plan: SBO Staffing and Transfer Plan exempts the school from the UFT Seniority Transfer provision but cedes all hiring decisions to a personnel committee a majority of whose members are appointed by the UFT Chapter. (See Discussion above regarding SBO Staffing and Transfer Plan; source: Teachers’ Contract, Article 18B).
- Special SBO Process for Compensatory Time Positions: This SBO is used to create those compensatory time positions (*i.e.* non-instructional positions) that a principal cannot create unilaterally. (See Discussion above regarding compensatory time positions; source: Special Circular No. 6R, 1997-1998).
- Other Types: You may use an SBO to modify provisions of the Agreement regarding “class size, rotation of assignments/classes, teacher schedules and/or rotation of paid coverages.” (Source: Teachers’ Contract, Article 8).

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